

Villa Portrait

Region: French Riviera (Cote D'Azur) **Sleeps:** 8

Overview

In a region that has so greatly inspired the likes of Picasso, Matisse and Miró, stay in your own artistic villa in the French Riviera with contemporary interiors, a glorious swimming pool and unobstructed views towards the Valmasque forest, just 18km from the sparkle of Cannes.

Villa Portrait has recently undergone a complete renovation by its art-loving owners who have a keen eye for interior design and modern style. Also owners of an exclusive gallery specialising in graphic art and photography, guests can appreciate striking prints that adorn the walls of this contemporary home. *Objets d'art* and designer furnishings also feature in the light-filled rooms whilst sliding doors perfectly frame the verdant views from the open-plan living-dining and kitchen space.

Four beautiful bedrooms, all with en suite bathrooms with rain showers, can be found across the two floors. On the ground level, a master bedroom has a gorgeous bath and two sets of French windows leading out to the pool terrace whilst upstairs two of the doubles have an upper balcony with wonderful vistas. High-speed Wi-Fi, air-conditioning and a separate TV lounge are yet more modern comforts across this impressive abode.

Outdoors, large pine and palm trees add to the Mediterranean vibe with the villa's white-washed and stone walls, a perfect place for al-fresco dining looking out towards the inviting swimming pool and hills beyond. Atmospherically lit up in the evening, enjoy a glass of rosé at sundown before the stars start to appear in the clear skies above you.

Set in a quiet and residential area, between picturesque Biot and Valbonne, the joys of the Côte d'Azur are so close. Enjoy the glamour of Cannes, the natural beauty of Cap d'Antibes and the beaches of the French Riviera or spend time on one of the many golf-courses within a short drive.

Experience Valbonne's highly regarded Friday morning market and have lunch in the gastronomic village of Mougins where Picasso spent much of his time later in life. Indeed, art enthusiasts should also stop off at Saint-Paul-de-Vence's Fondation Maeght with its Miró sculpture garden as well as Matisse's Chapelle du Rosaire in Vence. Not to mention the galleries of Nice, Antibes and Vallauris in this inspiring part of southern France.



Facilities

Recommended • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Watersports • Private Pool • Historical Sites • Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Scuba Diving • Boat Trips • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Beach Nearby • Modern • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Pool Safety Feature • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Smart TV • Heating • Transfers Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (260m2)

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living-dining room with doors leading to al-fresco terrace and pool
- Open-plan kitchen, fully-equipped
- TV lounge
- Master bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and doors leading to terrace and pool. En suite bathroom with bath, rain shower and WC



First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with rain shower and WC
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed (180x200cm) and en suite bathroom with rain shower and WC

Two of the double bedrooms can be made into twins on request (90x200cm each)



Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (oval shape, 9mx4.5m, depth: 2.5m) with safety alarm
- Sun-loungers (x6)
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Upper balcony (accessed from two of the bedrooms)
- Parking (2 spaces)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi (high-speed cable)
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms and living rooms)
- Heating
- Smart TV
- Sonos speakers
- Table tennis
- Yoga mats

Location & Local Information

Just 18km from Cannes and a short drive to the beaches of the French Riviera, Villa Portrait is set in a quiet residential area between the market town of Valbonne and the picturesque hilltop village of Biot.

Historic Valbonne (5km) is such a pleasant place to stroll around with its narrow lanes, ancient doorways, pretty squares and terrace cafes. The vibrant market on a Friday morning is one of the best in the area and a great place to pick up all sorts of wonderful local produce.

Also close by is the Valmasque Parc with forest walks, picnic and play areas as well as the tranquil Etang de Fontmerle at the southern end, especially popular with bird-watchers. There is a peaceful 10km-long hike between Valbonne and Biot, following La Brague river, and many other marked trails across the wooded hills.

The hilltop village of Biot, also just 5km away, is well-known for its glass making and ceramics as well as its gorgeous setting. After exploring its cobbled lanes and perhaps visiting the Fernand Léger museum, stop off for a bite to eat in the historic centre in a shady square or flower-filled archway.

The sparkling shores of the Côte d'Azur are also so near with the beaches north of Antibes around 10km away. The seaside resort of Juan-Les-Pins (13km) is home to relaxed beaches and watersports whilst Cap d'Antibes offers exceptional coastal walks and idyllic beaches such as Plage de la Garoupe, once frequented by Picasso and Hemingway, with its high-end beach restaurants.

The impressive city of Cannes (18km) is also a must-see with its famous boulevard, La Croisette, glitz bars and boutiques as well as atmospheric markets, sandy beaches and boat trips, including ferries out to the beautiful Lérins Islands.

Art-lovers should look out for Picasso museums in charming Antibes and Vallauris as well as some



magnificent galleries in Nice. The gastronomic village of Mougins (12km), once Picasso's home, is also highly regarded for its art whilst the Fondation Maeght in St-Paul-de-Vence (20km) is well-known in the region.

If you prefer golf then there are a number of prestigious courses close by including Royal Mougins Golf Resort (15km) and Cannes Mougins Golf Country Club (12km) with others even closer.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Nice Airport (18km)
Nearest Train Station	Gare de Biot (Antibes Est) (9km)
Nearest Town	Valbonne (5km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery store (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Valbonne (5km)
Nearest Beach	Plage d'Antibes (10km)
Nearest Golf	Various top-end courses (10-25 minutes by car)
Nearest Tennis	Moratoglou Tennis Academy (4km)

What we love

- A stunning Côte d'Azur villa with beautiful designer interiors and an artistic vibe
- Enjoy uninterrupted views over the forested hills from the glorious swimming pool and terrace
- All four bedrooms are stylishly furnished with air-conditioning and en suite bathrooms with rain showers
- Perfectly positioned between Valbonne with its fantastic weekly Provençal market and the idyllic hilltop village of Biot, both only 5km away
- Antibes, Cannes and the beaches of the French Riviera are just a short drive away

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is featured in all four bedrooms and the living rooms.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** £500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?**: Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pets welcome?**: Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. A cot and a highchair can be requested
- **Changeover day:** Saturday in July and August. Flexible during all other periods. 2024: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?**: Yes, standard changeover clean and mid-stay cleaning are included for stays of over 7 nights. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?**: Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (except during the Rugby World Cup in 2023 when it is 4 nights). All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?**: Yes.
- **Pool towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?**: Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.